

**Council on Postsecondary Education
September 18, 2005**

Affordability Study

The results of the affordability study will be made available to Council members at the September 18 meeting. At that meeting, the Council will be asked to accept the results of the final report by JBL Associates, Inc. The final report, complete with analysis, findings, and recommendations, will be presented at the SCOPE meeting later that day.

The results of the affordability study, along with additional analyses, will be used by Council staff and institutional representatives to develop a tuition policy and the parameters within which tuition rates will be set. The timeline of major activities for this project is as follows:

- Review final affordability study to determine implications for tuition policy changes (August/early September 2005)
- Develop principles/objectives for tuition policy (September 2005)
- Develop draft parameters/tuition-setting policies (September/October 2005)
- Discussion and input from Council, Affordability Policy Group, CBOs, and Presidents (October 2005)
- Final action on tuition policy (tuition-setting parameters, process, etc.) (November 2005)